

INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

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NOTICE OF DECISION

Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Please be advised that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), has issued an Individual NPDES Permit for Optima Dairy LLC, which is located near the intersection of County Road 1000 North and County Road 225 East in Carroll County, Indiana. This permit allows Optima Dairy Leasing LLC, to construct and operate a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation that includes three confinement barns housing a total of 2,201 dairy cows, 40 dairy calves housed in prefabricated huts, a concrete silage pad, manure and wastewater collection and storage systems, a milking parlor, and offices.

If anyone wishes to challenge this decision, IC 13-15-6-1 and IC 4-21.5-3-7 require that they file a petition for administrative review not later than fifteen (15) days after being served with this notice. Under IC 13-15-6-7(c) you are considered to be served with this notice when you are personally served with the notice or three (3) days after the notice is deposited in the United States mail and addressed to you, whichever occurs first. Your petition describing your intent to challenge the IDEM decision must be submitted to the Office of Environmental Adjudication, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room 1049, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Your filing of a petition for administrative review is complete on the earliest of the following dates that apply to the filing: (1) The date the document is delivered to the Office of Environmental Adjudication (OEA), (2) The date of the postmark on the envelope containing the document, if the document is mailed to OEA by U.S. mail, or (3) The date on which the document is deposited with a private carrier, as shown by the receipt issued by the carrier, if the document is sent to the OEA by private carrier. This petition must include facts demonstrating that the petitioner is the applicant, a person aggrieved by the decision, or a person entitled to review by law.

Additionally, IC 13-15-6-2 requires that such petition for administrative review include: (1) The name and address of the person making the request, (2) The interest of the person making the request, (3) Identification of any persons represented by the person making the request, (4) The reasons, with particularity, for the request, (5) The issues, with particularity, proposed for consideration at the hearing, and (6) The permit terms and conditions which, in the judgment of the person making the request, would be appropriate.

Pursuant to IC 4-21.5-3-5(d), the Office of Environmental Adjudication will provide the petitioner or any person requesting notice with notice of pre-hearing conferences, preliminary hearings, hearing stays or orders disposing of the petition for review if a written request for such notice is submitted to the Office of Environmental Adjudication at the above address. If you have procedural or scheduling questions regarding your petition, you may contact OEA by dialing (317) 232-8591.

Questions regarding the technical aspects of the permit decision should be directed to Daniel Bruggen, by calling (800) 451-6027, press 0 and ask for extension 3-3554, or dial him direct at (317) 233-3554. Please bring this matter to the attention of persons you believe may have an interest in it.